RESOLUTION NO. R2017.134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ELECTIONS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2017.69 TO DESIGNATE THE 2018 REGULAR ELECTIONS AS BALLOT BY MAIL ELECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING BALLOT CENTER LOCATIONS FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED 2018 ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017, the City Council, by Resolution No. R2017.69, called and ordered the City of Tempe's 2018 regularly scheduled 2018 elections, to be held on March 13, 2018, and May 15, 2018, if necessary; and,

WHEREAS, following a public outreach process that included two public forums and the online Tempe Forum, at the September 18, 2017, Work Study Session, the City Council directed staff to proceed with conducting the City of Tempe's regularly scheduled 2018 spring elections as Ballot by Mail elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend Resolution No. R2017.69, to order that the elections be held as Ballot by Mail elections; and,

WHEREAS, the Tempe City Code, Section 13-1, requires the City Council to establish polling places and voting districts by resolution; and,

WHEREAS, in a ballot by mail election, rather than polling places, there are ballot centers at which voters may cast a ballot, return a voted ballot, or be issued a replacement ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the March 13, 2018 Primary Election and May 15, 2018 General Election shall be conducted as Ballot by Mail elections, and Resolution No. R2017.69. is hereby amended by adding a new Section 11 to read as follows:

SECTION 11. That the March 13, 2018 Primary Election and May 15, 2018 General Election (if necessary) shall be conducted as Ballot by Mail elections, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to conduct the elections as Ballot by Mail elections.

SECTION 2. That the following ballot centers are established for the March 13, 2018 Primary Election and May 15, 2018 General Election and shall be open for eleven days, including Election Day, for each election:

Tempe History Museum 809 East Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ 85282 Tempe City Hall 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281 SECTION 3. Should an emergency or unforeseen circumstance require any change in ballot center locations after the date this resolution is adopted, the City Clerk is authorized to designate such ballot center locations.

SECTION 4. Voting in the elections will be on the optical scan system and ballots will be counted on Optech IV-C equipment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA this <u>26th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2017.

Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brigitta M. Kuiper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney